

NEW THEATER IS BEING PLANNED FOR PENDLETON

Suitable Site is Now Being Sought and Within Short Time Definite Announcement Will be Made.

HEILIG IS BEHIND THE PLAN

Volunteers to Put Up Half the Amount of Money Necessary for Erection of a First Class Play House—Welch Brothers Are Looking After Local End of Plan.

A new, modern theater, with facilities to attract and accommodate the largest and best of road shows, is projected for Pendleton. While it cannot be announced as a definite certainty as yet, the consideration has reached a point where the promoters are looking for a suitable site, and they expect within a very short time to announce that the building is assured.

No less a person than Calvin Heilig, owner of the Heilig theater in Portland and a prominent figure in the northwest theatrical world, is back of the proposed undertaking. So well does he think of Pendleton as a show town that he has volunteered to put up half the amount of money necessary for the erection of a first class theater. The other half is to be raised locally and, so favorable is the proposition regarded, that already some half dozen or more people have, without solicitation, volunteered to subscribe.

F. E. Welch, manager of the Oregon theater, and his brother, James Welch, who recently came back to Pendleton from Portland, are looking after the Pendleton end of the proposition and will probably have charge of the new house.

It is planned to build the theater in the rear of some Main street business buildings, and have a Main street highway entrance to it. This would cut down the cost of the structure. Mr. Heilig estimates that a thoroughly up-to-date theater, furnished and equipped could be built for \$20,000 or less. Such a theater, he believes, would be a paying investment from the first.

The tentative plans are for keeping the theater open every night by putting on high class picture programs on the nights when there is no road attraction. Mr. Curi through his connection with the theatrical world, would be in a position to book many big shows for Pendleton.

ORATORICAL CONTEST TO BE AT HERMISTON THIS SPRING

The county declamatory and oratorical contest will be held in Hermiston this spring, probably the last Friday in April. The annual county spelling contest will also be held in April and the time, place and details of the county track meet will be decided later by a committee consisting of Principal A. T. Park of Hermiston, Principal C. A. Guerin of Athena and Principal L. P. Gamble of Pendleton. All of these matters were determined Saturday afternoon at the meeting of principals and superintendents.

YOUNG LAD PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING AN OPERATION

(East Oregonian Special.)
PILOT ROCK, Ore., Feb. 25.—A mad death occurred here Saturday night when Omer Jensen, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen died following complications resulting from an operation. The boy was the only son and much sympathy is being expressed for the bereaved parents. Mr. Jensen is a prosperous farmer near here and formerly lived in Pendleton.

Nation Must Guide by Principle, Not Expediency, Says President Wilson

(From President Wilson's speech at the Gridiron banquet Saturday.)

"Your talk, Mr. Toastmaster, has been a great deal about candidacy for the presidency. It is not a new feeling on my part, but one which I entertain with a greater intensity than formerly, that a man who seeks the presidency of the United States for anything that it will bring to him is an audacious fool. The responsibilities of the office ought to sober a man even before he approaches it. One of the difficulties of the office seldom appreciated, I dare say, is that it is difficult to think while so many people are talking, and particularly while so many people are talking in a way that obscures counsel and is entirely off the point.

"The point in national affairs, gentlemen, never lies along the lines of expediency. It always rests in the field of principle. The United States was not founded upon any principle of expediency; it was founded upon a profound principle of human liberty and of justice, and whenever it bases its policy upon any other foundation than those, it builds on the sand and not upon the solid rock.

"America ought to keep out of this war. She ought to keep out of this war at the sacrifice of everything except the single thing upon which her character and history are founded, her sense of humanity and justice. If she sacrifices that, she has ceased to be America; she has ceased to entertain and to love the traditions which have made us proud to be Americans, and when we go about seeking safety at the expense of humanity then I, for one, will believe that I have always been mistaken in what I have conceived to be the spirit of American history.

"You never can tell your direction except by long measurements. You cannot establish a line by two posts; you have got to have three at least to know whether they are straight with anything, and the longer your line, the more certain your measurement. There is only one way in which to determine how the future of the United States is going to be projected and that is by looking back and seeing which way the lines ran which led up to the present moment of power and of opportunity. There is no doubt about that.

"There is no question what the roll of honor in America is. The roll of honor consists of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty. There is no one else upon the roster; there is no one else whose name we care to remember when we measure things upon a national scale.

"And I wish that whenever an impulse of impatience comes upon us, whenever an impulse to settle a thing some short way tempts us, we might close the door and take down some old stories of what American idealists and statesmen did in the past and not let any counsel in that does not sound in the authentic voice of American tradition. Then we shall be certain what the lines of the future are, because we know we shall be steering by the lines of the past. We shall know that no temporary convenience, no temporary expediency, will lead us either to be rash or to be cowardly. I would be just as much ashamed to be rash as I would to be a coward. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small implications and entanglements and waits for the great opportunity, when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of Heaven upon its blade."

BIG WOOL SALE BY R. N. STANFIELD OPENS SEASON; BUYERS OFFER MORE THAN WAS PAID FOR CLIPS LAST YEAR

Three quarters of a million pounds of wool, said to be the largest clip owned by a single sheepman in the United States, was contracted for sale in this city late Saturday evening. The seller was R. N. Stanfield, prominent woolgrower, and the buyer E. J. Burke, representative of the R. C. Judd & Root Co. of Hartford, Conn.

The exact price at which the contract was made has not been made public. However, the fine wool sold within one cent of 20 cents per pound and the coarse wool within one cent of 25, according to Mr. Burke. About one third of the clip will be fine wool and two-thirds coarse, making the transaction involve about \$150,000.

The wool is now on the sheep's back and will be delivered in the spring. Aside from this clip there has been little other wool contracted. Mr. Burke recently purchased the clip of Pedro Brook and yesterday bought a small clip in Baker.

Prices Are Higher.
According to reliable information, the buyers now in the field here are offering growers approximately two and a half cents more than was paid for fine wool here last year while coarse wool is ranging about five cents per pound above last year's prices. In the light of this statement the prices annexed with reference to the Stanfield sale appear low.

The National Woolgrowers' association refuses to advise the sheepmen whether or not to sell at this time, but Dr. S. W. McClure, the secretary, in a letter to J. N. Burgess of this city, member of the executive

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BERLIN ADMITS FRANK CHECK THE OFFENSIVE IN THE VERDUN REGION

REVISED LISTS SHOW 171 PERSONS LOSE LIVES WHEN BRITISH LINER MAJOLA STRIKES MINE AND SINKS

Vessel Goes Down Within Sight of Dover—Ship on Way to Rescue Also Strikes Mine and is Sunk—Russian Liner Destroyed Marks the Seventh Victim of Mines in Two Days.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Revised report today stated that 171 persons perished when the liner Majola, a sister ship of the Persia, was mined off Dover yesterday. Forty-seven dead have been identified at the Dover morgue.

The Russian liner Petschanga was sunk today, the seventh victim of mines in two days. Fifteen of the crew were landed.

Other vessels destroyed were: The British liner Empress of Fort William, mined while going to the Majola's rescue; the British vessels Birgit and Suvir; the French vessel Triganc; the Dutch steamer Mecklenburg.

An investigation to determine how the Majola was mined is proceeding. It sank within view of Dover.

A baby girl, wrapped in blankets and unharmed, was picked up an hour after the Majola sank.

The bodies of the captain and eight sailors of the liner Dido, sunk on Saturday, were washed ashore at Lincolnshire today.

It is possible the Majola struck one of the mines, the Germans sowed off the Thames channel with ships operating neutral flags. A heavy explosion turned the vessel keel up and she sank within a short time.

Bond Issue Will be Discussed at Meeting Tomorrow

INDICATIONS POINT TO BIG ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS GOOD ROADS PLAN.

Indications are that the meeting tomorrow in this city to discuss the proposed \$988,000 bond issue in this county for good roads will be well attended by representatives of various sections of the county. County Judge Marsh stated today he had received responses from a number of out-of-town men to his invitations.

The meeting tomorrow will be between members of the court, committees from the Umatilla County Good Roads association and Pendleton Commercial association, representatives of every section of the county and newspaper men of the county. Some definite program of improvement is to be worked out so that voters may have a knowledge of what they are voting for or against.

Meanwhile the petitions for placing the initiative measure on the ballot are in circulation. Alfred Fitz Gerald is circulating the petitions at present and states very few have refused to sign them.

Pendleton Defeats Baker.

Not only did Pendleton's first bowling team defeat the team which Baker sent during the weekend but the second team as well turned the trick and did it by a blinder score than the regulars. Saturday evening the first team won three straight games from the Bakerites and won the match by more than 250 points. Last night the second string also took three straight and ended with a lead of 359 pins. Hanavan had the high total in the first match and Taylor of Baker the high single. 245. Hook was high man all around last night.

PETERSON RESIGNS AS DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

Will M. Peterson, democratic county chairman for Umatilla county, today announced his resignation as county chairman, recommending Judge Maloney as his successor. Two years ago Mr. Peterson resigned as chairman but was prevailed upon to serve another term. He now states he will refuse a re-election. He has been chairman for the past eight years and is now a candidate for election as delegate to the democratic national convention.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

French halt German offensive at Verdun.

171 die in sinking of British liner.

Local.

Stanfield clip of 750,000 pounds contracted for sale.

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Schoolmen lay plans for annual interscholastic meets.

Peterson to resign as democratic chairman.

R. E. Chloupek to take manual training department in Walla Walla.

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HEAD OF MANUAL TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOL TO GO TO GARDEN CITY.

R. E. Chloupek, head of the manual training department of the Pendleton schools, will next year occupy a similar position in the Walla Walla schools. He has been made an attractive offer and just recently signed a contract.

Mr. Chloupek is now spending his fourth year in the Pendleton schools, having come here in the fall of 1912 from Baker. Under his direction the manual training department in the local schools has been built up from nothing until now it is second only to that in the Portland schools. His success has won him recognition in the school world and the offer from Walla Walla is only one of the many he has received.

Walla Walla recently voted bonds for the construction of a new \$140,000 high school building and a \$60,000 junior high school building. Though manual training has been taught in the schools there for the past seven years, the work has never been complete. The present plan, however, is to have complete new equipment for the offering of courses in printing, gas engines, elementary automobile engines, forge work, woodwork, concrete work and carpentry.

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Desperate Fighting is Now in Progress and Teutons Claim to Have Gained Several Yards of Trenches—London Awaits News of Gigantic Movement—German Fleet is Expected to Make Dash to Meet the British.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Military critics predicted the fall of Verdun within a fortnight. They declared no fortress since the war has withstood a German attack once a breach was made in the outer defenses. The Vossische Zeitung said today: "Donauwert is in ruins Thursday, the day before, the French forces stormed it. Four heavy shots hit the bulwark and explosions in the interior resulted. A second fort nearby blew up. German fliers are active and enemy aeroplanes have been unable to observe our extensive preparations."

LONDON, Feb. 25.—French reinforcements have checked the German drive on Verdun. The offensive has spread to the Champagne, 40 miles west of the Verdun woods. A Berlin statement today virtually confirmed the French claim that the Verdun offensive has been halted temporarily.

The Germans reported the capture of 1800 yards of trenches at Navarin Farm, the scene of a desperate conflict in the September offensive. A thousand prisoners were taken. Paris admitted the Champagne loss, attributing it to a surprise attack.

Berlin did not claim important gains in the Verdun region. The Meuse peninsula, a strip of land five miles from Verdun, has been cleared of the French troops, exhausted in attacking Douaumont and Harlautmont.

The Germans have progressed further in the direction of Vacherauville and Bras, four miles north of Verdun and have gained a foothold at Cortelorraine and Woerwe. The Teutons must storm Pepper Heights before they can take Bras.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The German offensive at Verdun is crumbling into a series of local actions, dispatches today declared.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The past week's battling around the Verdun is but a prelude to a grand assault along the western front, the most tremendous offensive the world has ever seen. The Kaiser is striking with all his resources for an immediate and overwhelming victory. Intended to end the war. Simultaneously with land operations, the submarine campaign against armed ships is due to start at midnight, Tuesday. Prince Henry has taken high navy command. London is tense, awaiting news that the German fleet is coming into the North Sea or the Zeppelins are approaching.

"The real thing at last," Times critic said.

The position at Douaumont has changed hands repeatedly during the past few days. Two miles west of Douaumont the French are showing over 1000 rifles and Pepper Heights. The Germans are shooting tons of explosives into the armored slopes of the Pepper position, attempting to blast the ridge away.

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